

117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# S. RES. 672

Expressing support for the designation of May 2022 as “Stroke Awareness Month”.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 14, 2022

Mr. LUJÁN (for himself, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Mr. RUBIO) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

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Whereas stroke, also known as a cerebrovascular accident, is an acute neurological injury that occurs when the blood supply to a part of the brain is interrupted by a clot in the artery or a burst of the artery;

Whereas stroke is a medical emergency that can cause permanent neurological damage, or even death, if not promptly diagnosed and treated;

Whereas, in the United States, stroke is now the fifth leading cause of death;

Whereas, in the United States, someone has a stroke every 40 seconds, and someone dies of stroke every 3.5 minutes;

Whereas approximately 795,000 people in the United States have a stroke each year;

Whereas the stroke-related costs in the United States came to nearly \$53,000,000,000 between 2017 and 2018, including the cost of healthcare services, medicines to treat stroke, and missed days of work;

Whereas stroke is a leading cause of serious long-term disability;

Whereas those disabilities may require ongoing physical, occupational, speech-language, and other therapy and surgeries;

Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises that the most effective stroke treatments are available only if the stroke is recognized and diagnosed within 3 hours of the first symptoms and recommends the public be familiar with and use the mnemonic F.A.S.T. to identify the signs and symptoms of stroke;

Whereas the F.A.S.T. mnemonic describes the symptoms of stroke, the methods for assessing those symptoms, and the actions to take in response to those symptoms and stands for—

- (1) face drooping, observable when the person smiles and one side of the face droops;
- (2) arm weakness, observable when both arms are raised and one arm drifts downward;
- (3) speech difficulty, observable when asking the person to repeat a simple phrase and the speech is slurred or strange; and
- (4) time to call 9–1–1, if any of these symptoms are present; and

Whereas the permanent health concerns and treatments resulting from stroke have a considerable impact on children, families, and society; Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2               (1) supports the designation of May 2022 as  
3               “Stroke Awareness Month” to increase awareness  
4               and education so that people in the United States  
5               know their risk factors and obtain treatment early;

6               (2) encourages the people of the United States  
7               to support the efforts, programs, services, and advocacy  
8               of organizations that work to enhance public  
9               awareness of stroke; and

10             (3) encourages continued coordination and co-operation between government, researchers, families, and the public to improve prognoses by increasing access to timely treatments for individuals who suffer strokes.

